

# **MINUTES of December 17, 2013**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Monday December 17, 2012 @ 7 p.m.**

**H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM  
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET  
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
MOS-For victims of the Newtown, Conn. Tragedy**

*Selectman Johnson was not in attendance for this meeting*

**Chairman Kimball read:**

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## **1. OPEN FORUM**

**~Chief Llewellyn-North Avenue Arrests**

**Chief Llewellyn praised the efforts of his department and particularly Detective Casper and Sergeant Pigeon for their coordination of a drug bust by the Rockland Police. The drug raid was a major bust in the community.**

**~Green Communities Designation**

**Rockland has been designated as a Massachusetts Green Community and will receive \$185,000 energy reduction grant as a result of the designation. TA Chiocca thanked all departments for their help and efforts to receive the award. Specifically TA Chiocca thanked Robert Rice who initially spearheaded the effort and Susan Ide in the Town Accountant's office for helping to produce many of the spreadsheets used for reporting purposes.**

## **MINUTES**

### **2. Open Session Minutes of 12.3.12**

**MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Chaffee passed 3-0-1(Minahan).**

### **3. Executive Session Minutes of 12.3.12**

**MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Chaffee passed 3-0-1(Minahan).**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **4. 7:30PM Tax Classification Hearing-joint meeting with Board of Assessors ~Held until 7:30PM**

### **5. Special Employee Status**

**Discussion continued to establish a list of special employees. Attorney Clifford spoke to the BOS. The Board discussed at length the provisions and the recommendations of TA Chiocca and Town Counsel Clifford.**

**~MOTION by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaffee to approve Special Employee status for positions listed (see attached list) provided such designation does not conflict with the Town Charter, passed 4-0.**

### **6. MOUs with SSTTDC Postponed until later in the meeting**

### **7. Ambulance Abatements**

**Chief Duffey appeared before the BOS to discuss the annual/periodic abatement of uncollected ambulance receipts.**

**~MOTION Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaffee to abate:**

**FY 2011 \$451,673.35**

**FY 2012 \$450,672.72 for July 2011 through December 2011**

**Also to abate with Comstar:**

**FY 2012 for July 2012                      \$ 30,212.44**

**FY 2012 for August 2012                  \$ 80,182.44**

**FY 2012 for September 2012            \$ 71,981.22**

**FY 2012 for October 2012                \$ 71,667.86**

**MOTION approved 4-0.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4 opened at 7:30PM**

**4. 7:30PM Tax Classification Hearing-joint meeting with Board of Assessors**

~MOTION to open hearing at 7:30PM by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by O'Brien passed 4-0.

~MOTION Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan not to have a residential exemption passed 4-0.

~MOTION Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan not to have a commercial exemption passed 4-0.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of a split rate for residential and commercial property.

~MOTION by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaffee not to have a split rate passed 3-1(Kimball).

The excess levy capacity figure on the LA5 document will be \$10,009.27

~MOTION to close the hearing by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 The BOS returned to item 6 previously postponed**

**6. MOUs with SSTTDC Postponed until later in the meeting**

*(Mr. Minahan left the Board and did not participate in this agenda item).*

The BOS reviewed and discussed the proposed MOUs with SSTTDC for police and fire services.

~MOTION by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaffee to approve, passed 3-0.

*Mr. Minahan returned to the Board*

**8. License renewals**

**All Alcohol – Common Victualler**

1. The Rock Sports Bar & Grille – 363 Union Street

**Automatic Amusement License**

1. The Rock Sports Bar & Grille – 363 Union Street

### **Common Victualler License**

1. The Rock Sports Bar & Grille – 363 Union Street

### **Entertainment**

1. The Harmon Club – 168 Concord Street ( Minahan abstained)
2. The Rock Sports Bar & Grille – 363 Union Street

~MOTION to approve all licenses provided all obligations and requirements are met by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0. Mr. Minahan abstained on the Harmon Club vote which passed 3-0-1(Mr. Minahan abstained, Mr. Kimball voted on the Harmon Club license citing the rule of necessity).

### **9. Green Communities Designation**

TA Chiocca discussed the recent Green Community designation Rockland received from the State. Rockland will be eligible for \$185,000 in grants to reduce energy use by the Town. Rockland can apply in January to gain approval to access the grant funds. Once Rockland receives approval and exhausts its grant award it will be eligible to apply for future awards.

TA Chiocca thanked all Departments and specifically Robert Rice and Susan Ide for their efforts to complete and apply for the Green Community designation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **10. New Junk Dealer's License: Carson City Coin Shop, 188 Union Street**

Matthew Chiaramonte applied for a Junk Dealers License in the same location as the present Gold Mine. There was extended discussion regarding permitted activities and items which can be sold or on display.

~MOTION to approve subject to all obligations being met by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0.

### **11. Surplus Equipment-vehicles & phones**

-1993 Ford Crown Victoria – Red, Four Door, 120,000+ miles –  
VIN 2FACP73W5PX164749

- 2005 Ford Crown Vic, VIN 2FAFP71W65X113600, 140,000 + miles  
- 2005 Ford Crown Vic, VIN 2FAFP71WX5X133624, 120,000 miles.

- 2003 Ford Crown Vic, VIN 2FAFP71WX3143471, 131978 miles
- 2004 Ford Crown Vic, VIN 2FAFP71W84X121857, 125492 miles

Also:

**QTY**

- 1 - Midel Superset PKM48 with 4150 48 button phone (Mary Stewart's console)
- 5 - Mitel Supersets 4025
- 14- Mitel Supersets 4015
- 1- Mitel Server

**MOTION to declare the listed items as surplus and to allow the Fire Chief one vehicle for "Jaws of Life" practice by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Minahan passed 4-0.**

**12. Request for New Year's Eve 2AM openings-must notify BOS and police**

~**MOTION to allow establishments that notify the BOS in writing permission to remain open until 2PM by Mr. Chaffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.**

**14. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

- ~ **Eagles Chowder Charity 1.26.13**
- ~**Thank you to Highway and Tree Departments**
- ~**The Rockland Fire Station Building Committee announced they have disbanded due to continuous lack of a quorum.**
- ~**Mr. Dicienzo has withdrawn from his appointment to the Fields Committee**
- ~ **TA Chiocca wished everyone a happy holiday season.**

**Mr. Kimball announced the availability of Abington Bicentennial Book.**

**SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS**

**Mr. Kimball read: Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.**

**Mr. Minahan**

- ~**Announced the availability of trash disposal at the BAT Bus stop. He thanked the BOH and Del Prete Disposal.**

**Mr. Chaffee**

- ~**Thanked Dave Murphy for getting meetings back on the air on Comcast**
- ~ **Wished everyone a happy Holiday season**

**Ms. O'Brien**  
~Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**Mr. Kimball**  
~Wished everyone a Happy Holiday season  
~Reminded residents parking ban is in effect  
~Thanked the BOS for having a healthy discussion regarding tax classification.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by to go into Executive Session for the purposes listed not to reconvene passed by Roll Call Vote 4-0.**

- 15. ~Rite Union Step II Grievance**
- 16. ~ Management Reimbursement Issue**

**Open Meeting session ended at 8:50 PM**

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**Allan R. Chiocca**  
**Town Administrator**

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**Deborah A. O'Brien, Vice Chairman**  
**for the Rockland Board of Selectmen**

**The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.**

**All of the following positions have been  
designated as Special Municipal Employees  
unless prohibited by the Rockland Town  
Charter  
By BOS vote at the 12.17.12 Meeting**

**Snow Plow Drivers  
Tree Warden  
Substitute Teachers  
Sealer of Weights and Measures  
All Non-Paid Elected and Appointed Positions  
Parking Clerk  
Election/poll workers  
SSTDC Representatives  
School event workers and coaches  
Electrical Inspectors  
Plumbing Inspector  
Procurement Officer  
Municipal hearing Officer  
Parking Ticket Hearing Officer  
Parking Ticket Clerk  
Fence Viewer  
Animal Inspector  
IT Coordinator**

**MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0**